

Town of Marion
Minutes of Meeting*

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Board/Committee Music Hall Advisory Committee

Date Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Time 4:00 pm

Location Zoom meeting

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Present: Jessica Barrett, Lauren Boucher, Joan Gardner, Tinker Saltonstall, Phil Sanborn, Margot Stone.

Absent: Helene Sughrue, Shaun Cormier, Marcus Monteiro, Frank McNamee, Tami Daniel, Randy Parker.

Welcome and Introduction of the three new members of The Music Hall Committee

Lauren Boucher, Joan Gardner, and Jessica Barrett were formally welcomed to the Committee. As many members of the board were not able to be in attendance it was suggested that a more detailed introduction of the new members could wait until the next meeting.

Discussion of Minutes from last meeting—April 21, 2021

A change was made for Helene, regarding the wording of the distribution account. No other changes or additions were noted. The minutes were approved as amended with four in favor and one abstention.

Request for new Secretary

Chrissie Bascom, Lynn Crocker, and Clare Healy Foley will not be continuing in their roles on the Committee. Additionally, Helene Sughrue is stepping down as secretary. Jessica Barrett will be filling the role as of this meeting.

Treasurer's Report— Phil Sanborn

Phil reviewed the treasurer's account for the group. The increased pay noted on July 14, 2021 reflected three weeks of pay due to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1. Note that the

current account balance stands at \$5,945.31, which is low. At the last meeting it was voted to take a \$10,000 distribution from the investment account for the Endowment and add it to the Town's account. Frank was in charge of this process. He was not currently present to respond to this discussion, however, the funds have not yet been transferred. Phil will follow up on this process with Frank.

Music Hall Gifts/Donations Account Activity

(account held by the Town of Marion, MA)

4/18/21 through 8/12/21

REVENUE

No Reported Revenue During This Period

EXPENDITURES

No Reported Revenue During This Period

MUSIC HALL GIFTS/DONATIONS ACCOUNT BALANCE on 4/18/21: \$1,680.00

MUSIC HALL GIFTS/DONATIONS ACCOUNT BALANCE on 8/12/21: \$1,680.00

Music Hall Restoration Trust Account Activity

(account held by the Town of Marion, MA)

4/19/21 through 8/12/21

REVENUE

Interest on Savings Account

04/30/21 \$0.14

05/31/21 \$0.13

06/30/21 \$0.04

07/30/21 \$0.04

EXPENDITURES

Part-Time Wages paid to Music Hall Coordinator

05/05/21 \$303.10

05/19/21 \$303.10

06/02/21 \$303.10

06/23/21 \$303.10

07/14/21 \$454.65

07/28/21 \$303.10

08/11/21 \$303.10

MUSIC HALL RESTORATION TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE on 4/18/21: \$8,218.25

MUSIC HALL RESTORATION TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE on 8/12/21: \$5,945.31*

*The Sippican Historical Society holds the investment account for the Music Hall Endowment. This account is subject to daily market trends. A balance of \$419,000 was quoted on April 18, 2021. A balance of \$440,445 was quoted on August 15, 2021. \$250,000 of that balance is restricted principal of the endowment and cannot be distributed in any form. Essentially, there is \$190,445 in this account available for distribution.

The five members of the Committee who were present voted to accept the Treasurer's report as given.

Request for new Treasurer

It was determined to wait until more members were present before continuing with the search for a new Treasurer.

Landscape report—Tinker Saltonstall

In spite of what is recorded in the minutes, we have not reached a firm plan yet for landscape maintenance. Due to COVID it is hard to find willing laborers. Volunteers have completed raking and pruning and not a dime has been spent as of yet. Tinker shared a strong gratitude to Steve Gonsalves, for his work at the Music Hall and also at the Town Hall. His prices, however, are very high. We haven't secured the service yet, but he is willing to do one clean-up. Jody Dickerson and the DPW Garden Team gave Tinker \$150 to buy the plant material for around the monument. Could the DPW take on more work to help us maintain the gardens? Jody has the employees completing more work than what was expected in the past. Steve did complete one day of work courtesy of Margie Baldwin. In the future, Tinker hopes to work out a way to, for a fair price, complete the maintenance for both the watering trough and small dog trough.

Lauren asked if it would be appropriate for Tabor students to assist with this. This has happened in the past. She is meeting with Steve Watt tomorrow and will bring it up in conversation. It would be feasible to commit to a specific afternoon each week.

The Committee voted to accept the Landscaping Report as presented.

Coordinator's report—Tami Daniel

Margot shared some information regarding the position of the Coordinator in her absence. Tami is responsible for handling all reservations for the Music Hall - contracts, acts as liaison, and has been in this role for a number of years. COVID limited the use of the building last year, however some normalcy was seen over the summer months, including four concerts with the Lands End program. The AC in the hall quit on the Friday performance, but emergency units were brought in and the hall was more comfortable. Shaun, our facilities manager, is applying for a grant to install an AC system. There are no more paid events lined up for the summer. Several are on the books for the fall, but there is some hesitancy as the prevalence of COVID may continue to rise over the coming weeks.

Building report— Frank McNamee and Shaun Cormier

Both Shaun and Frank were absent from the meeting.

Margot proceeded to give a brief overview of each project as she was able.

Walkway - Some of the bricks in the walkway needed to be replaced as they had come out of the ground. This was completed in early summer.

Gutters - They are currently in the process of preparing to replace the gutters. The originals were made of copper, but we could not afford copper gutters this time around. Shaun found gutters that appeared as copper but actually are not. We are unsure when this work will be completed.

Basement - Previously, the basement was wet, damp, and causing damage to the interior structure. Money had been put toward that work. Shaun is responsible for every town building, and has taken great interest in the Music Hall. A year ago he began regrouting the bricks, pouring cement, etc. but has been unable to find laborers to assist with the work.

Energy Efficiency Changes - This is a new topic. We will look forward to hearing more on this from Shaun.

CC Davis Paintings - Many were donated to the Sippican Historical Society from Tabor Academy, where they had been stored in an attic. Positions for the paintings were determined in

the Main Room and in the Reading Room. The paintings have added a great deal to the prestige of the building.

Since the Coordinator and the Building Report were not present, a motion was made to save a vote on the reports until such time as the representatives are in attendance. The Committee voted unanimously to delay accepting the Coordinator and Building Report at this time.

Old Business

Approval of Select Board to plant a tree in memory of musician Christopher Brown—Phil Sanborn

Chris Brown was a piano technician and rebuilder who had completed a lot of work of/for Marion. He died tragically this past fall. A group of people wanted to find a way to remember him and decided that they would like to plant a tree - a Stellar Pink Dogwood tree. The project was funded through GoFundMe. The tree will be dedicated on October 11, 2021. Eden's will plant the tree and a plaque will be installed. Randall Elgin has been in charge of this project, and indicated that if additional monies are raised that they will be dedicated to the planning/funding of a provisory concert/piano recital. Discussion followed regarding the cost to rent the space. It was suggested that we combine the dedication of the Paulsen piano and the memorial for Randall Elgin, but then clarified that this would not be appropriate as they are unrelated causes.

Concert and reception to celebrate the gift of the Paulsen piano

The original plan had been to celebrate the restoration and gift of the Paulsen Steinway piano in May of 2020. We would like to bring this plan back to life. We would be limited to 30-40 people, social distancing considerations, and the danger of it being canceled. Richard Fell would do a little lecture about rebuilding the piano and a demonstration. Janice Weber, a classical pianist, and Matt Richard, a jazz pianist, had both agreed to play previously. Perhaps there could be a short dedication speech beforehand, or Zoom capabilities for family members of the Paulsen's at a distance. We would need to raise \$1,000 for the musicians. This concert had been a part of ArtWeek. It was suggested that we start a GoFundMe page for this purpose. However, ultimately it was suggested that we hold off on this concert until next summer.

New Business

No new business was brought for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

*As reviewed and approved by committee on January 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica C. Barrett

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica C. Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "B".